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IMPERSONATOR WELL PUNISHED

Vancouver Man Gets Six Months
and Fine of Fifty
Dollars.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 9.—Geo. Gilroy was sentenced today by Magistrate Alexander to six months' imprisonment and \$50 fine for impersonating George Fletcher in the recent Dominion election. Magistrate Alexander said that if Gilroy had come forward and acknowledged his fault, that he would have given him the minimum punishment, but his evidence went to show that he was pretending to have been irresponsible through drink at the time of the offence for the purpose of making his own offences less objectionable in the eyes of the law, or to shield someone else, so that he would punish him more severely than he otherwise would have done.

In the case of John Demeritte, who voted without being qualified, the accused was given the benefit of the doubt and Magistrate Alexander acquitted him on the grounds that it was likely when Mr. Demeritte voted he thought he had a vote.

Mr. Norman McLean, of Messrs. McLean Bros., returned from the East today. He states that there is a good prospect of getting the Dominion subsidy for the V. A. & E. Without actually getting the support of the Government in a body, they had got the support of nearly every political factor and interest.

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Enter On Sound Run

Pacific Coast S.S. Co. Planning To Bid For Victoria Business.

Sends Representative Here to Confer With the Board of Trade.

Wants Business But No Money—Decision in Two Weeks.

If certain assurances regarding support not of a direct financial character are received, a plan is under way by which the Pacific Coast Steamship Company will enter the field as competitors for the traffic between Victoria and the Puget Sound ports, giving Victoria a thoroughly up-to-date fast steamship service daily.

This developed a very important meeting of the council of the Board of Trade, held yesterday, which was in the nature of a conference with Mr. J. Lawless, who represents the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. The meeting was the outcome of considerable correspondence which had been between the council of the board and the officials of the company, which was induced to first look into the merits of the proposition because of the persistent complaints of Victorians regarding the inadequacy of the present service—the boats operating at present being considered too slow, too small and altogether unsuitable for the rapidly-increasing traffic.

Mr. Lawless approached the council in a thoroughly business-like spirit. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company was not looking for any bonus or anything of that sort. It did, however, want business, and if possible assurances from Victorians that business would be forthcoming should it put a first-class, modern fast steamer on the run. He was desirous of ascertaining to what extent the people of Victoria would be prepared to appreciate such an improved service, and assurances to that end of a satisfactory nature being forthcoming, the company would this summer enter the field.

Members of the council explained to Mr. Lawless the volume of the business that might be expected from Victoria, that much discontent existed at the present inadequate service, and that it might be taken as a certainty that Victorians might be expected to appreciate the placing of a fast and commodious vessel on the line to the extent of giving the Pacific Coast company almost the whole of their patronage.

Mr. Lawless thought this explanation of the council's position quite as satisfactory as could be expected, and he was very favorably impressed with the business-like aspect of the proposition, and promised to give a definite answer as to the company's intentions within two weeks—it being necessary for him to communicate with several of the prominent business men and to return to the headquarters of his company.

The question of improved steamer service to the Sound is one which has engaged the serious attention of Victorians for several years—in fact, ever since the loss of the ill-fated steamer City of Kingston. The Kingston was the pride of the Sound—handsome, fast and commodious. The regularity of her trips between here, Seattle and Tacoma, the smoothness with which she ran, the comfort afforded by her splendid equipment—all these were factors to the hearts of the traveling public, and regret was keen and widespread at her unfortunate loss by collision in Tacoma harbor.

For months afterwards the Rosalie, alternating with the old North Pacific, gave the service; and this proved so very unsatisfactory that several very violent "kicks" were registered by the public bodies of Victoria. Later, a considerably improved service was given by the steamers Rosalie and Majestic, the latter leaving each morning and the Rosalie each evening; but this was not considered what it ought to be. Complaint was made that both the boats are too small—particularly in respect to their berth accommodation; and, with the withdrawing of the Rosalie to the Port Angeles-Victoria route, this discontent has not been allayed.

The Board of Trade, the Tourist Association and individual travelers have for months complained of the inadequacy of the service. Last fall the discontent came to the notice of an officer of one of the Oriental liners, who was going to England, and he had a conference with the business men of Victoria at a meeting held in the Tourist Association rooms, at which he spoke of the feasibility of a steamer service between Victoria and the Sound during the summer months. Mr. E. E. Blackwood, agent of the company operating the Majestic, was present at the conference, and took occasion to say that the service was not less efficient than the business warranted. He said that his company was alive to the necessity of giving an improved service, and could be depended upon to place larger and better boats on the run just as soon as it would pay to do so. The upshot of the conference was that the officer said he would make an inquiry as to the availability of suitable boats in England, and report what he had learned to the Board of Trade or some other local body.

While the agitation for an improved service has not been allowed to drop in recent months, no inkling that anything in the way of an announcement of the likelihood of the grievance being immediately remedied has been permitted to reach the public. Saturday morning the British Colonist published the plans of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company being the first intimation to Victorians that such a move is imminent.

SILK FREIGHT.

Big Consignment Reaches Winnipeg From Coast.

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—A special train consisting of 12 cars laden with silk passed through the city early on Sunday morning. Eleven of the cars were consigned to Prescott, Ontario, for distribution in the United States and the other car was for Montreal. The consignment was one of the most valuable that has ever passed through this city. The grain receipts at C. P. R. points were very light on Saturday, only totaling \$6,000 bushels. Ninety cars were loaded with grain for the Coast.

Mr. Keegan, bridge inspector of the C. N. R., has died from injuries received in a wreck at Marquette.

The Scottish curlers visited Ogilvie's mill this morning, directed by Manager Black. All were interested in the milling process and the shipment of a large consignment of flour to South Africa. They leave tomorrow for the States.

SKIRMISH IN PHILIPPINES.

Fight Within Seven Miles of Manila City.

Manila, Feb. 9.—A force of 100 constabulary, under Inspector Keithly yesterday defeated a body of 200 insurgents near Marikina, a small town seven miles from Manila city, after a severe engagement. Inspector Harris, and one man were killed, and two other men of the constabulary wounded. The enemy left 15 dead and 3 wounded.

CONTROL OF SENATE.

Government Advised Only to Give Seats to Young Men.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Ottawa Free Press advocates that only young men be appointed to the Senate by the present Government in order that in the event of Conservatives securing office the Liberal majority in the Senate might be maintained for a long time.

Grants to rifle associations other than Dominion and Provincial Rifle associations in aid of prize meetings have been discontinued. The Minister of Militia has in contemplation assistance to those associations in the way of a day's pay at militia rates to those who take part in prize meetings.

The Cabinet today had under consideration the Intercolonial Railway estimates. Sir Wm. Mulock was in town but nothing was done about the North Ontario election writ as the machine is not yet ready to be transferred from North Grey.

Fishers and The Scales

Union on Fraser to Have Meeting to Discuss Soekeye Prices.

And Will Petition Dominion Government Against Granting Trap Licenses.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 9.—The executive of the British Columbia Fishermen's Union have decided to call a general meeting to be held here Saturday, 21st inst., for the purpose of discussing the price to be fixed for sockeye salmon for the ensuing season. It is not likely many fishermen will advocate renewing the sliding scale feature in operation last year, even though it worked out better than they expected. The opposition to anything but a straight rate is still predominating. The executive also have decided to petition the Dominion Government not to permit salmon traps, and have commenced circulating a petition to be forwarded as soon as possible to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who is being asked meanwhile to defer action on the trap question.

T. F. Venables, who recently resigned the management of the Columbia Gold Storage here, has formed a partnership with Norman Yeats, late with a leading local dry goods house, and will go into the business of canning salmon and freezing and shipping fresh fish to the East. The new firm is reported to have ample means.

Tomorrow the Grand Council, Royal Templars of Temperance, will convene here for its thirtieth annual meeting. Delegates are expected from Victoria, Nanaimo, and other cities.

Aulay Morrison, M. P., and I. Birch Fisher, have just returned from the East. The former had legal business before the Railway Committee at Ottawa, and the latter had gone to England to secure a large legacy bequeathed last fall by a relative.

Messrs. Smith Curtis and Tatlow were over from Vancouver this morning and conferred with Messrs. McEwen and Oliver before the latter returned to West Yale to stump for Mr. Semlin.

The deck hands on the steamer Ramona struck today for an increase of wages from \$30 to \$40 per month.

JOHN W. PRATT SHOOTS HIMSELF

Prominent Seattle Man Takes
His Life With a Shot
Gun.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—J. W. Pratt, prominent attorney, formerly proprietor of the Seattle Press Times, now the Seattle Times, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the heart with a shot gun. The cause was temporary insanity, due to overwork. He entered the bathroom while the family were sitting down to breakfast, closed the door tight and then fired a portion of his body over the heart. The butt of the gun he placed against the wall, and then held in place by pressing the muzzle against the flesh, and with the cleaning rod discharged the weapon. The shot went through him. Owing to the terrific wound no one heard the report.

Because he did not come down to breakfast, his wife's mother went to see what was the trouble. She found Mr. Pratt dead in a big pool of blood. J. W. Pratt was 53 years old, and was born in England. He made a reputation in the Zulu war. After coming to this country he was prominent in newspaper circles in New York and San Francisco. He leaves a wife and four children. Mr. Pratt always had several important tasks on hand, and of late has been troubled in some way. Friends noticed his odd acts, and he paid no attention to it until it was called to their attention by the tragedy.

It is believed he was in good financial condition, but the real situation probably was not so good as it appeared. If he could keep his head above water long enough to get a long breath. He was a very able writer, and the best informed man in the city on municipal affairs and law.

Mr. Pratt was well known to many Victorians, and headed the delegation from Seattle who came to pay their respects to the Prince of Wales during his visit to Victoria.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Dawson City One of the Places Proposed For Branch.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Grand Trunk Pacific have added Dawson City, Yukon, to the list of cities to which branch lines are projected. Calgary and Regina are other places named as probable terminals of branch lines.

Death In South Sea

Tidal Wave in Society Islands Sweeps Away a Thousand Lives.

Terrible Hurricane Aids the Sea in the Work of Destruction.

Unfortunate Natives Drowned Without Slightest Chance of Succor.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—News of a fearful loss of life in a destructive storm that swept over the South Sea islands last month, reached here today on the steamer Mariposa, direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000 souls. On January 13 last a huge tidal wave, accompanied by a terrific hurricane, attacked the Society Islands and the Tuamotu group with fearful force, causing deaths and devastation never before equaled in a land of dreaded storms. Devastation of man's inability to contend with wind and sea.

The storm raged several days, reaching its maximum strength between January 14 and January 16. From the meagre advices received at Tahiti up to the time of the sailing of the Mariposa, it is estimated that at least one thousand of the islands' inhabitants lost their lives. It is feared that later advices will add to the long list.

The first news of the disaster arrived at Papeete, Tahiti, January 26, on the schooner Rimco. The captain of the schooner placed the steamer Mariposa at Papeete the following day with four hundred destitute survivors. The captain of the Excelsior estimated the total loss of life to be eight hundred. These figures comprised only the deaths on the three islands of Hainu, Hikuera and Makokan, whose ordinary population is 1,800. On Hikuera island, on which are 1,000 inhabitants engaged in pearl diving, nearly one-half were drowned. On an adjacent island one hundred more were washed out to sea. Makokan and Hainu are depopulated. Conservative estimates at Tahiti place the number of islands visited by the tidal wave and hurricane at eighty. All of them are under the control of the French governor at Tahiti.

The surviving inhabitants are left destitute of food, shelter and clothing, all having been swept away by the storm. The French government, upon receipt of news of the disaster, took prompt measures to relieve the distressed district and dispatched two warships, the Duranee and Zelee, with fresh water and provisions. The Italian man-of-war Calabria accompanied the two French vessels on their errand of mercy. As the supply of fresh water and provisions was totally exhausted by the storm, it is feared that many lives will be lost before the relief ships arrive.

As far as is known, eight white people were among the drowned. Included in these were Alexander Brander, N. P. Purkett, of Oakland; T. Donnelly, formerly a fireman on the steamship Australia, and the local agent of C. Copenrath, a merchant of Papeete. Added to this number is an unknown woman, who committed suicide from fright.

As the islands were barely twenty feet above sea level and not surrounded by coral reefs, it was necessary for all the inhabitants to take to the coconut trees on the tops of the coconut groves to escape the land. These trees grow to an immense height, many reaching an altitude of 100 feet. All of the lower trees were covered by the raging seas, which swept with pitiless force about and over them. The natives on the taller trees were safe until the coconut roots gave way, and then they, too, were swept onward, far out into the sea.

The 400 survivors brought by the Excelsior to Papeete gained the ship's side by swimming three and four miles from the tops of the coconut trees. The Excelsior, though badly disabled by the storm, also brought off as many persons as could swim to her sides, she, like the Excelsior, being unable to run close to the shore because of the fearful violence of the waves. Only the timely action of the captain in having the cargo, consisting of thirty head of cattle, thirty-five pigs and thirty tons of cotton, jettisoned, saved the little craft from destruction. Even with this precaution, one man was lost by waves sweeping the decks.

Out of the many acts of heroism reported is that of a woman who climbed one of the tall coconut trees and lashed her little babe to the branches, hanging on to the body of the tree beneath the little one as best she could. There they remained for ten hours, suffering great torture, until finally rescued.

Thousands of tons of coquina and coral have been lost. The pearl shells are valued at \$1,800 per ton, and many valuable pearls may now be lost to the world forever, as these were considered some of the best pearl islands in the world.

Among the passengers on the Mariposa today was G. W. Waterbury, formerly of Chicago, who was in that portion of the storm which visited the island of Raiatea, one of the Leeward Islands located some distance to the West of the ill-fated Papeete. Here much damage was done, although no lives were lost. A well-built road, constructed by the French government at considerable expense, was demolished, bridges overturned, and a score of big ships and wreckage and coconut trees heaped high along the coast line. Old inhabitants on Raiatea stated the storm to be the worst they had ever seen. Returning to Tahiti, the little schooner upon which he sailed, was almost swamped by the high seas, and a waterspout came near to the boat at one place.

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MALCOLM ISLAND DISASTER.

We have received a cheque for \$50
from Sir Henri Joly as a contribution
to a fund for the unfortunate Malcolm
Islanders. The Finnish settlement on
Malcolm Island was one of the indirect
consequences of the action taken by
Russia in destroying the autonomy of
Finland. The Finns are most excellent
settlers. They have worked hard, over-
coming the hardships and difficulties of
their position without murmur or com-
plaint. Just when the initial difficul-
ties of the colony appeared to be dimin-
ishing a most unfortunate accident over-
took their community, involving loss of
life and the destruction of property, the
result of hard work and difficult for
them to replace. The immediate neces-
sities of the people have been promptly
attended to by the Government, but the
people of British Columbia should do
something to enable the Finns to re-
pair damages and to place them in as
good a position as they were before
this heart-breaking misfortune overtook
them. We hope the response to this
call will be generous and prompt, and
that the Finns may learn that the peo-
ple of this country show practical sym-
pathy with communities in their midst,
the victims of unmerited misfortune.
The Finns are hardworking, frugal, and
independent. They have gone into the
wilderness and are hewing out homes
for themselves under conditions of some
difficulty. It should be a pleasure as
well as a duty to extend a helping hand
to them.

ONE VIEW OF IT.

The Vancouver World commenting
upon the Burrard elections says:

The jubilation is over the refusal of
a considerable portion of the Labor body
to accept an unnatural wedding of the
interests of the workers and those of
capital, Labor and Liberals going har-
moniously and naturally together while
Conservatives and Labor are impos-
sible in legitimate cohesion by reason
of the radical antagonism of the essen-
tial principles for which the parties
stand.

It is to be hoped that all parties will
learn a lesson from the recent contest,
and that the general election will be
the result of the people's choice, and
Liberals will again be found in justifi-
able, harmonious and triumphant asso-
ciation.

We are surprised that there is any
jubilation over the Burrard election
within the ranks of the Liberal party.
It must be strictly local. We are quite
sure it does not extend to Ottawa, where
the election will undoubtedly be inter-
preted as showing the utter failure of
its present managers to keep the Lib-
eral party together in this province. It
is not this, however, but the colossal im-
pudence of the contention that the Lib-
eral party has claims upon working men
of a character which has any appeal
which might be made to them as citi-
zens of Canada by the Conservative
party, and that these claims are con-
tained in the essential principles of the
Liberal party, which has attracted our

attention. Such language is the purest
clap-net. The Liberal party has to
such an extent lost sight of its own
essential principles that it is a little
difficult to say what they are. We
might have thought ourselves safe in
saying, for instance, that it would be
against the essential principles of the
Liberal party to protect the lead in-
dustry. We were told it was by the
Liberal newspapers of this province.
The old arguments were trotted out that
it was simply a dodge on the part of
the bloated manufacturer to tax the un-
fortunate consumer. But the Liberal
party has changed its tune on this
question. It is now singing more in
harmony with the working men who
have discovered that if something is
not done to give national protection to
the lead industry, there will shortly be
no working men in a large part of Koo-
tenay to vote for the candidates of either
one party or the other. Similarly it
has been proved to demonstration, that
the essential principles of the Liberal
party carried into practice mean the de-
cay of manufactures and the reduction
of the country to a vast grain field
and quarry of raw materials for other
countries. It is in the higher branches
of manufactures that the hope of work-
ing men chiefly lies. It is there they
have opportunities of congenial labor,
short hours, and high wages. That
these opportunities should exist in Can-
ada, in their own country, is surely not
a matter of no importance to Cana-
dian workmen. So well do work-
ing men understand these things that
the cities, where the percentage of
working men to the population is the
highest, are the strongholds of the
Conservative party. The Liberal party
got into power by virtue of the work-
ing men's vote. There is no question
about that. In this province, particu-
larly, there has been a Labor-Liberal
understanding. Let us leave essential
principles aside and look at specific
questions. With regard to every specific
promise of legislation upon which this
understanding was based, the working
men have been fooled and tricked to the
top of their bent by the Ottawa Gov-
ernment. We have no desire to discuss
the merits of these questions. It may
have been against the interests of the
country that legislation of the character
should be passed. But that does not
affect the relation between the Govern-
ment and the workmen. The fact is
that the Liberal party promised what
the Liberal Government did not per-
form. Working men were promised
certain legislation and they received
legislation doctored up to look as like
it as possible, without being what they
had been promised. Among them there
is a strong feeling of resentment at be-
ing hoodwinked. It will be a long time
before Labor and the Liberals will
again be found in "justifiable harmo-
nious and triumphant association." The
triumph connected with their late asso-
ciation was too beautifully one-sided.

We are in receipt of a letter from
Major Dupont regarding the accident to
a Chinese boy. So far as the columns
of the Colonist are concerned they are
closed to any further discussion of the
case. We have strong reasons for be-
lieving that the popular impression re-
garding this case, derived from the re-
ports circulated about it, are entirely
erroneous; also that it was a pure ac-
cident that the unfortunate victim was
a Chinese boy and not a Canadian boy;
also that the occurrence had nothing
whatever to do with the common and
most reprehensible practice of baiting
inoffensive Chinamen on the streets. The
motive inspiring people to assist the
Chinese boy is a most worthy one, and
so is the determination to put a stop to
this practice of bullying Chinamen.
If this Chinese boy is rescued from the
worst results of his unhappy accident,
and if the practice of bullying Chinamen
is diminished, the outcome will be
good; but at the same time it does not
appear to us as fair to put a stigma on
the names of half a dozen boys until
it is known what the actual facts of
the case are.

We regret to learn from the Times
that there is no likelihood of the James
Bay reclamation work being completed
this year. We should like to know
from some reliable authority in what
year of the 20th century there is a like-
lihood of its being completed. If the
flats are being saved up for the next
Dominion election in this city in order
that the slogan of "Riley and the dredge"
may again call the clans to battle, it is
a mistake. "Riley and the dredge" did
very well once, but it is possible to
have too much of a good thing, or even
of two good things. If the time during
which the dredge will be available this
year is not going to be sufficient to have
the flats filled in and the causeway
completed, the council had better be
concerning measures to go ahead inde-
pendently of the Dominion Govern-
ment. Nobody wants to see any ruins
of Cardage permanently introduced as
one of the features of Victoria. At
present the bridge and its surroundings
look as though a tidal wave, a mud
slide, and a cyclone had struck them
simultaneously. We believe that the
part we do not see, the part that abuts
on the harbor, looks very well. The
part we do not see is out of sight, and
the part we do see is unsightly, which
is an unsatisfactory condition of affairs.
If it is to remain so for years we will
have people saying that Victoria is a
place where they have barred out the
sea in order to travel on an old wooden
bridge over dry land. The other day
we noticed that the bridge was assum-
ing the undulations of a switchback rail-
way. Its molecular structure seems to
have been altered by the work that has
been done. We are afraid that the
force of habit which has kept it up so
long will fall it some day, and it will
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CHINESE BOY.

Sir,—Canon Beaudin in defending the
boy who assaulted the Chinaman has, to
my mind, taken a wrong view of his duty.
It may be very loyal to his choir boys, but
it is not wholesome teaching for them and
other boys. As evidence of this I may men-
tion that a week ago last Sunday after-
noon, five or six boys, some of whose names
are known, and who attend the Cathedral
and doubtless heard Canon Beaudin's ser-
mon, were seen by a gentleman (an in-
formant) standing at Chinaman on Locking
avenue. The boys, seeing my informant
coming to the Chinaman's assistance, ran
away. When a boy of this sort of thing is
stopped? The tendency of Canon Beaudin's
sermon and letter in your paper is
not in the direction of helping the victim.
What does he mean by compelling the
dignity of the parents of the boys who as-
saulted the Chinaman, in abstaining from
"public discussion of the merits of the
case." What merits can there be in an un-
provoked assault by several boys upon
one? He says "imputations the most dis-
creditable have been cast upon perfectly
innocent and unoffending children." No
one, to my knowledge, has charged that all
the Cathedral boys took part in the assault,
or has held any responsible but those who
committed the assault. Can Canon Beaudin
assault an assault at an assault? If he
has been seen by a gentleman (an in-
formant) standing at Chinaman on Locking
avenue, the most discreetly have been
cast upon perfectly innocent and un-
offending children. He says "the ten-
dency of these unwarrantable statements is
only towards creating a bitter resent-
ment of the popular cry." To my mind
there has been extreme intolerance in ex-
pressing of public sentiment in this matter.
It was only after Canon Beaudin's sermon
defending the guilty boys, and as a conse-
quence of it, that the next communication
appeared in the press. If he had not en-
tered the lists as champion for the boys, very
possibly no subscription would have ap-
peared at all. His letter bristles with
charges of "want of delicacy," "most dis-
creditable" conduct, "absolutely untrue as-
sertions," etc., etc., on the part of those
condemning the conduct of the assaulting
boys. This is an age of freedom of thought,
and Canon Beaudin will not be very diffi-
cult to prevent people expressing their
thoughts. It is a pity also that he should
have when a subscription is being started
for the unfortunate Chinaman, endeavor to
divert sympathy from him to the guilty
boys by his statement "when the evidence
is sifted and the results made known, I
shall be very much surprised if there be
not found to be ample reason for a general
boycott of the church." What can he mean?
That there was no assault at all, or else
that there was a justifiable assault. He must
have a very low opinion of the intelligence
of the public if he thinks that anyone else will
believe it. I have a high respect for Canon
Beaudin, and am sorry to be at variance
with him on any subject, but when he
throws his glove into the ring, he cannot
complain if some one picks it up.

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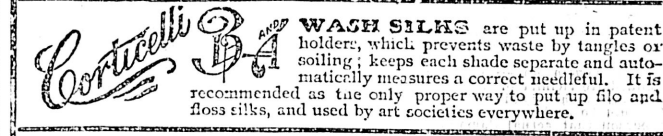
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Lytton, Feb. 6.—On Tuesday last Mr. Charles A. Semlin, of Ashcroft, who is the opposition candidate to the present government, blew into this quiet village on a freight train, and proceeded as of yore to extend the joyful palm to all and sundry. He spent the evening sitting up the situation, and, usually feeling his way. Now for the last 15 or 20 years Charles has been in the habit of coming to Lytton on the eve of an election; sometimes he held a meeting, other times he did not take the trouble—in fact, there was not the slightest necessity for so doing. All he had to do was smile, grin, tell one of his time-worn jokes, and his election was assured, so far as Lytton was concerned. But note the change on this occasion. Mr. Semlin came to town, and as already stated, after going about a bit, apparently did not find the situation just to his liking. He employed the usual tactics which have done yeoman service for a quarter of a century, but somehow things were not for him, and he pondered to himself, he thought long and deeply, and finally decided to show Mr. Oliver, of Delta—who was expected to arrive on No. 2 the same evening—would take with the Lyttonites. That gentleman did come on No. 2, and with him about two wagon-loads of documents; his coat pockets were bulging with acts of the legislature for the last ten years; in fact, he could go down in any pocket he had (and he had many) and dig up something defamatory to the Premier government as one learned later.

He was met at the station by the veteran statesman. Just eleven seconds after he landed in the city, he launched on the political sea, and from that time till the last man in the canyon had gone to bed, he uttered tales of corruption, disaster and death politically. Stout men who listened walked in their sleep that night. But morning broke clear and cool, and found him somewhat less violent, but a close observer could trace the same smoldering fire, but the veteran had him well in hand, and together with a few of the faithful enticed him into a sleigh and took him out in the country. Away in the solitude of the mountain forest he became more calm. Then he came back to town; but Mr. Semlin on his return looked very despondent; he was beginning to doubt his man as a drawing card. And as a meeting had been announced for that evening, in which his

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A native of Toronto, resident in Victoria, is in receipt of the following letter from Paul Jarvis, secretary of the Board of Trade, Torontonians who do not receive a copy of the letter are invited to communicate with Mr. Jarvis:

Sir,—It is proposed to hold during the coming summer of 1903 an Old Home Gathering in Toronto. The Board of Trade desires to extend to all the absent sons and daughters of Toronto wherever they may be, a most cordial invitation to visit their old home and the scene of their childhood or former residence.

It is desired to bring together from distant places in Canada and the United States as large a number as possible of former residents of the city and province, and to hold a celebration of sufficient magnitude to attract and interest to set as a strong incentive. It is the intention to ask the co-operation of the Boards of Trade of cities and towns throughout Ontario, making Toronto the headquarters for a large festival and a three days' celebration, leaving time for subsequent gatherings in outside municipalities. It is proposed to invite and secure the attendance of eminent statesmen, orators and personages of note from both the United States and Canada. The programme might include a public meeting and banquet, a military review and possibly some pageant or demonstration illustrative of the city's growth and resources. National sports, such as lacrosse matches and a rowing regatta might also be held.

The securing of such gathering, the assistance of Canadian societies and organizations and of former residents of Toronto and the province of Ontario now living in the United States and Canada is essential.

The city of Toronto in taking the necessary steps to offer a money grant for the expenses of the Old Home Gathering, has requested that it be held during the first week of the month of September, which would be the first week in September.

To you as a former resident of this vicinity, the Board of Trade now appeals for any suggestions which you can offer in regard to the most suitable date; the most attractive form of the celebration; the nature of the entertainment; organizing committees of former Toronto or Ontario people in various cities or towns. In this connection we would be grateful if you would send us the names of all former residents whom you know and might be interested in the project.

PAUL JARVIS,
Secy. Toronto Board of Trade.

The Tourist Association last year discussed the holding of an "old home gathering" in Victoria of her sons and daughters who are scattered over the continent, and this action of theirs should encourage the revival of the subject.

GRAND CONCERT THIS EVENING
To Be Given by Herr Pejo Storck and
Mr. Herbert Ritchie at Institute Hall.

In view of the concert to be given this evening by Herr Pejo Storck and Mr. Herbert Ritchie, it will be of interest to some to know beforehand something of the music to be played. One so commonly hears the cry, "I don't like classical music, I do not understand what it means; if it were some popular song, I could enjoy it." This is unfortunately true of the most of people, they all like pleasing melody of the so-called popular music, and indeed some of it is very beautiful. But music should have a grander and nobler aim than the mere pleasing of the sense of hearing. It is the best and almost the only means of expressing the innermost feelings of the heart, and of appealing to the listener for his sympathy, and only through the classical music can this be attained. If one wishes to listen to music with the intention of obtaining any ideas that came, letting the imagination run riot, one would not only hear the beautiful melodies which appear in all pieces, in some so profoundly, in others so delicately hidden by a network of harmony, but would see pictures of beautiful landscapes, hear nature in all her moods, and listen with delight to the pauses, periods, accents, and cadences of the finished composition. It does not require a great knowledge of music to be able to thus gratify so many senses. Take for example the first number on the programme, the Sonata in A for piano and violin by Gabriel Faure. The composer, a comparatively old man, the works of this composer have not been widely known until within the last five or six years. This Sonata is a magnificent composition, written in the broadest French style. It opens with a broken melody with the accent placed on the second note in different parts and continues throughout the allegro with a constant effort to catch an elusive spirit. The Andante of the second movement plunges the listener at once into a gloomy building full of the most mysterious shadows. Again, one has the feeling of groping after something indefinable, and we are left unsatisfied and dissatisfied. The vivace of the third part, however, dispels the mystery, all has been but a preparation to one of the daintiest of pastimes, full of bright, sparkling movements and costumes, always cheerful and gay, but never boisterous. The whole composition

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tion glows with richest harmony and purest melody.

Again further down on the programme there is the D flat major Prelude of Chopin, perhaps the best known of the Preludes and has been long identified as the drops of rain falling at regular intervals, which by their continual patter bring the mind to a state of sadness; a melody full of tears is heard through the rush of the rain. Then passing to the key of C sharp Minor, it rises from the depths of the bass to a prodigious crescendo, indicative of the terror which nature in its deathly aspect excites in the heart of man. However the form does not allow the ideas to become too sombre; notwithstanding the melancholy which seizes you, a feeling of tranquil grandeur revives you. The re-entrance of the D flat, which dispels the dreadful nightmare, comes upon one with a smiling freshness of dear, familiar nature.

And so one might speak of the various numbers on the programme, the concerto of Wienawski, with its plaintive Andante followed by the light zesty music, and winding up with a symphony in A major, or the Appassionata of Beethoven, with its massive description of the trials of life.

But come and hear for yourselves. These are not the sensations received by some, others have different interpretations. Particularly there are but few cases where the composer has left his own definite conception of his works, and so each may weave his own story, and dream his own dream when listening.

Of the performers tonight there is no need for to make any mention. Herr Storck but too seldom favors us with his playing. Mr. Ritchie, although lately come among us, has already proved himself a violinist of great talent and ability. His playing is full of fire and vigor, and he possesses two such artists, and it is to be hoped they will receive enough encouragement from our citizens to remain with us.—Contributed.

Following is the programme:
Sonata Op. 15..... Gabriel Faure
Allegro.....
Vivace, Allegro Quasi Presto.
Herr Pejo Storck and Mr. Herbert Ritchie.

Concerto in D minor.....Wienawski
Andante Non Troppo, Allegro Con Fuoco.
Mr. Herbert Ritchie.
Sonata Appassionata.....Beethoven
Assol Allegro, Andante Con Moto, Allegro Ma Non Troppo.
Herr Pejo Storck.

(a) Adagio Op. 34.....Franz Ries
(b) Danse Hongroise (No. 5).....Brahms
(c) Concerto in A minor.....Chopin
(d) En Concert.....Godeard
(e) Fugue.....Bach.
Accompanist, Mr. E. H. Russell, Piano.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 9.—8 p. m.
S.W. GUSTS.
Ocean storm areas of considerable energy are passing over British Columbia, causing unsettled weather with heavy rainfall, and fresh to high Southerly winds and waves, on the coast and throughout the North Pacific States. The barometer is highest on the California coast and the pressure is increasing from the North. There has been a decided rise in temperatures along the immediate coast. East of the Rockies a storm area is centred in Alberta and the weather throughout the Northwest is chiefly cloudy with glacial temperatures.

TEMPERATURE.
Min. Max.
Victoria.....34.....46
New Westminster.....34.....46
Kamloops.....34.....46
Barkerville.....34.....46
Salisbury.....34.....46
Winnipeg.....34.....46
Portland, Ore.....34.....46
San Francisco.....34.....46

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh Southerly winds, with rain or sleet; occasional rain or sleet; stationary or lower temperature.
Lower Mainland: Moderate or fresh Southerly winds, with rain or sleet; occasional rain or sleet, and not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8.
Deg. Deg.
5 a.m.....39 Mean.....41
Noon.....39 Highest.....46
5 p.m.....39 Lowest.....37
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m.....20 miles Northwest.
Noon.....16 miles Southwest.
5 p.m.....8 miles East.

Average state of weather—Rainy.
Rain and melted snow—0.8 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour, 48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.822
Corrected.....29.807

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.88

MONDAY, FEB. 9.
Deg. Deg.
5 a.m.....42 Mean.....44
Noon.....44 Highest.....48
5 p.m.....45 Lowest.....40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m.....8 miles Northwest.
Noon.....28 miles Southwest.
5 p.m.....20 miles Southwest.

Average state of weather—Rainy.
Rain and melted snow—0.8 inch.
Sunshine—1 hour, 48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.822
Corrected.....29.807

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected.....29.72

CHILLWICK FARMERS.
From Chilliwack Progress.

The annual meeting of the Chilliwack Farmers' Institute was held at the Court House on Jan. 31st. The meeting was well attended by the representative farmers of the valley. The president called the meeting to report of the management during the past year. The secretary-treasurer read the report of the receipts and expenditures which showed a balance in hand of \$82. A motion was passed to offer a prize of \$20. for the best special exhibit of farm produce at the next agricultural meeting at Chilliwack. Mr. Higginson declined to be re-elected as president of the institute as he had been president since the organization of the institute and thought that some one else should act. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the retiring president. The following officers were elected for 1903: President, P. H. Wilson; vice-president, M. P. Gillanders; secretary-treasurer, G. W. Chadsey; directors, H. Webb, Jas. Ford, Parker, E. A. Kim, Jas. Ford; delegates to Central Farmers Institute, C. T. Higginson; auditors, G. W. Webb, I. C. Lucas.

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Leave.	A.M.	Arrive.	Leave.	& Wad.	Arrive.
Victoria	9:00	12:00	Victoria	5:00	1:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:30	1:00	Shawnigan Lake	5:30	1:30
Duncan	11:00	1:30	Duncan	5:45	1:45
Ladysmith	11:30	2:00	Ladysmith	6:00	2:00
Nanaimo	12:00	2:30	Nanaimo	6:15	2:15
Ar. Wellington	12:30	3:00	Ar. Wellington	6:30	2:30

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